

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 52**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Linder and Nestande  
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 52—Relative to military base realignment and closure.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 52, as introduced, Linder. Military base realignment and closure: County of Riverside.

This measure would declare that the Legislature joins the County of Riverside in opposing base realignment and closure affecting the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, and March Air Reserve Base.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Navy's Naval Surface Warfare  
2 Center, Corona Division, and March Air Reserve Base are located  
3 in the County of Riverside; and

4 WHEREAS, The Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona  
5 Division, and March Air Reserve Base are major employers in the  
6 southern California region and major contributors to the region's  
7 economy; and

8 WHEREAS, Both military installations generate an annual  
9 payroll approaching \$1 billion for local workers in the civilian and  
10 military workforces; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense contracts  
12 with 900 small business owners located in the County of Riverside

1 and its 28 cities, representing \$5 billion of economic activity and  
2 thousands of direct and indirect jobs in the region; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Defense has  
4 repeatedly recommended that the United States Congress authorize  
5 the closing of military bases domestically and abroad; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Secretary of Defense has  
7 specifically requested that another Base Realignment and Closure  
8 Commission be authorized in the near future to close military bases  
9 across the nation and around the globe; and

10 WHEREAS, The Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona  
11 Division, and March Air Reserve Base are assets to the United  
12 States Armed Forces and both installations provide unique missions  
13 in support of national security and disaster response that make  
14 these bases ideal to serve as national models for military and  
15 defense missions; and

16 WHEREAS, Both installations have been reviewed by prior  
17 Base Realignment and Closure Commissions, which resulted in  
18 March Air Force Base being realigned to a reserve installation and  
19 adverse impacts to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona  
20 Division; and

21 WHEREAS, Base realignment and closure adversely impacts  
22 the economies of the County of Riverside and its 28 cities, and the  
23 region has not fully recovered from the jobs lost as a result of  
24 previous base realignment and closure; and

25 WHEREAS, The reuse of lands outside the cantonment area of  
26 March Air Reserve Base has not progressed for a variety of reasons  
27 related to the Great Recession and a lack of capital available for  
28 financing; and

29 WHEREAS, Representatives in the United States Senate and  
30 House of Representatives oppose further cuts, reductions, and  
31 realignments to the missions and resources of these two  
32 installations; and

33 WHEREAS, The Office of Military and Defense Services of  
34 the County of Riverside opposes base realignment and closure  
35 affecting the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, and  
36 March Air Reserve Base; now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
38 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature joins the County of  
39 Riverside in opposing another round of base realignment and

1 closure affecting the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona  
2 Division, and March Air Reserve Base; and be it further  
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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